

Group IV: Claim 23, drawn to a method of retorting material disposed within a container, classified in class 53, subclass 471.

Applicants elect the invention of Group I, Claims 1-20, drawn to a plastic container, classified in class 220, subclass 628. All other claims are withdrawn without prejudice and reserved for divisional applications, as needed, or for reintroduction into this case if a generic claim is found allowable.

Applicants await a first office action on the merits.

Respectfully submitted,

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